

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re:

International Application

PCT/DE99/04129

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Title Online Ordering System, in Particular for Food Outlets, and Method for

Operating an Online Ordering System of this Type

Applicant

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Box PCT Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) An online ordering system for food outlets, comprising:

at least a first computer system which is accessible via the Internet under at least one domain, in which data on food outlets are stored and on which a program runs,

in each case a communication connection which can be established at least temporarily between the computer system and at least a large number of all the food outlets covered and which in each case, connects an output device and/or display device at the food outlets to the first

computer system.

- 2. The online ordering system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the output device and/or display device comprises a fax machine.
- 3. (Amended) The online ordering system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that an interactive program runs on the first computer system.